



# Magnetosphere Data Collection

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**Directions:** The following questions will help you analyze the data to determine the answer to the big question, "***Has there been a measurable disturbance in the Earth's magnetic field?***" You can answer each of the questions on the back of this paper or on a separate Magnetosphere Answer Sheet.

**Refer to the Kp index (Estimated 3-Hour Planetary K Index):**

- a) What three days does this graph cover?
- b) What were the highest K index levels for each of these days?
- c) Are there any Kp values of 5 or higher?
- d) Are there any Kp values of 7 or higher?

**Refer to the Kp Auroral Map:**

- e) What is the longitude, latitude, and corrected geomagnetic latitude for your area?
- f) What would the Kp level have to be for us to see aurora in our area?
- g) Are there any areas in the world that might see auroral activity, based on this data, in the next few hours? Where?

**Refer to the Dst graph (Disturbance storm-time) from the ACE satellite:**

- h) What is the current level of geomagnetic storm activity?
- i) When did the geomagnetic storm arrive at Earth?
- j) From the Dst graph, what is the estimated time that the storm will arrive at Earth?

**Comprehension Question:**

After looking at all of this data, answer the question, "Has there been a measurable disturbance in Earth's magnetic field?" Be sure to cite specific data!